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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 26, 2000

**1. Call to order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:47 p.m. on July 26, 2000, at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Stewart Hall, 15601 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, California.

The Executive Director administered the oath of office to Mr. Edward Albert as the representative of the California Coastal Commission.

**2. Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Edward Albert, Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Lindsey Kozberg, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Arthur Eck, Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

**3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Terre A. Hirsch, Mark Johnson, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Don Robinson, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, Timothy Wendler, and George Lange, Vice Chair, acting Chair. The following members arrived subsequent to roll call: Charles McKenney and Rick Putnam. The following members were absent: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Lesley Devine, David Green, Patrick Hunter, Charles McKenney, Linda Palmer, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Carolyn Van Horn, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Amy

Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Operations, MRCA; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects, MRCA; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Stephanie Landregan, Staff Landscape Architect, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Diana Hartmann, Conference Center Manager, MRCA; Heather Rothman, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, MRCA; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary, MRCA; Mark Shores, Project Analyst, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Terry Fujimoto.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Albert.

#### **4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, including introduction of Mark Shores, Project Analyst, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects, MRCA.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation, MRCA.

Comments were made by Amy Lethbridge.

The Chair requested the Executive Director to give an overview of the evening's agenda.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

#### **5. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Doug Kays, representing the YMCA, on item 7.

Connie Maguire, representing the YMCA, on item 7.

Peter Taft, representing the YMCA, on item 7.

Paul and Barbara Dwyer, members of the public, on item 7.

Eileen Dorn, member of the public, on item 7.

Larry Rosen, representing the YMCA, on item 7.

Bob Locker, representing the Pacific Palisades Residents Association, on item 7.

Randy Young, representing the Temescal Canyon Working Group, on item 7.  
Nancy Markel, representing the Temescal Canyon Working Group, on item 7.  
Harry Eden, member of the public, on item 7.  
Vicki Middleton, member of the public, on item 7.  
Corwin Davis, member of the public, on item 7.

The Chair read into the record a comment by Richard B. Winchester on item 7.  
The Chair read into the record a comment by an unknown individual (illegible) on item 7.  
The Chair read into the record a comment by Susan Mazzarella on item 7.  
The Chair read into the record a comment by David A. Brunk on Mt. Washington Drive Canyon property.

Joan Buehring, representing the Community Association of Saratoga Hills, on item 5.  
Bee Simpson, representing Save Open Space in the Arroyo Seco, on item 8.  
Chuck Milbourne, representing Citizens Against Mulholland Pipeline, on item 13.  
Mary Ann Webster, representing the Sierra Club, on item 13.  
Roger Pugliese, representing Topanga Association for a Scenic Community, on item 13.  
Laurane Ruth, member of the public, on item 13.  
Dr. Roseann Mikos, member of the public, on item 10.  
Sallie W. Neubauer, representing Citizens Committee to Save Elysian Park, on item 8.  
Rosemary Woodlock, representing the Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization, on item 13.  
Susan B. Nelson, representing Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains, Parks, and Seashore on acquisition priorities and item 13.  
Gordon Murley, representing Woodland Hills Homeowners and San Fernando Valley Federation, on item 13 and acquisition priorities.  
Barry Read, representing Mulholland Tomorrow, on item 13.  
Jefferson Wagner, representing the Latigo Canyon Preservation Association, on acquisition priorities.  
Don Zabinski, representing the City of Glendale (Parks and Recreation), on acquisition priorities.  
Mark Sturdivart, representing the Glendale Crescenta V.O.I.C.E., on acquisition priorities.  
Joan Luchs, representing the Federation of Hillsides and Canyons, on item 13 and dedication to Barbara Fein.  
Herbert Petermann, Viewridge Owners Involved in the Community & Environment, on item 8 and acquisition priorities.

#### **4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

**6. Consent Calendar:**

- a) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to Art Share Los Angeles for mosaics for The Natural Park, City of Los Angeles.**
- b) **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Art Share Los Angeles for acting as artistic liaison for various park projects.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 00-74 and 00-75.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

- 7. Possible consideration of a motion to rescind the vote by which the request of the Palisades-Malibu Young Men's Christian Association that the Conservancy recommend to the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority that it annul the action of the Executive Officer requesting a \$1/day per registrant permit fee for the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's fee-based day camp program in Temescal Gateway Park was refused adoption. [Coastal Zone Item]**

Ms. Kozberg recused herself from consideration on this item.

Comments were made by the Chair.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. McKenney.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded from the floor by Mike Wojekowski.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended rescinding the previous motion regarding this item.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy rescinded its previous motion regarding this item. Ms. Kozberg was recorded as abstaining.

Comments were made by Mr. Kays, Mr. Putnam., and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hirsch and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Ms. Maguire, Mr. Hirsch, the Chair, the Executive Director, Mr. Kays, Mr. McKenney, Ms. Lethbridge and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Warner and Ms. Caldwell.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Warner, Mr. Lange, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Maguire, Ms. Lethbridge, the Executive Director, and Ms. Caldwell.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Putnam and Mr. Albert.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Putnam.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended not approving the request of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA. Mr. McKenney and Ms. Caldwell were recorded as abstaining. Mr. Rockenstein was recorded as voting yes.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy did not approve the request of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA.

**8. Consideration of resolution adopting Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria for the**

**Conservancy Workprogram. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Chair recommended postponing this item.

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, this item was postponed.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown, Mr. Wendler, and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Ms. Skei, Mr. Brown, and Ms. Kozberg.

**9. Consideration of resolution approving FY 2000/01 final budget of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and authorization of grants necessary to implement such budget. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Edelman, and Ms. Skei.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Robinson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-77.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-77.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**10. Consideration of resolution adopting comment letter on Draft Negative Declaration for CUP 5107, County of Ventura, for an 18-hole golf course in lower Happy Camp Canyon Regional Park, unincorporated Ventura County near Moorpark.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown and Mr. Albert.

Comments were made by Ms. Skei, Mr. Brown, the Chair, and Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel suggesting an amendment to the comment letter.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-78.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-78.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 11. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Upper Mandeville (Boeckmann property), Brentwood.**

The Chair stated that a quorum was not present to consider this item.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and such budget amendments necessary to implement improvements to the Heavenly Pond area of Franklin Canyon Park.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff from Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by Ms. Landregan and Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos about a typographical error on the resolution.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-80.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-80, with the resolution's typo corrected.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on Draft Negative Declaration for Mulholland Water Pipeline project, City of Los Angeles.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel and Mr. Begley.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-81.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-81.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*



**14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Chatsworth Ridge project, Tentative Tract Map No. 53138, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-82.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-82.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**15. Consideration of resolution authorizing an agreement with the City of Calabasas to convey the Calabasas Highlands property (APN 2072-023-017) in fee or to convey a conservation easement on the property in the City's favor, in exchange for partial reimbursement of acquisition costs to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-83.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-83.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**16. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to submit an amended Proposition A application for improvements to Alatorre Eagle Rock View Park and authorizing such budget amendments as may be necessary to implement the revised project.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-84. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-84.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**17. Legislation**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

**18. Minutes**

No minutes were presented.

**8. Consideration of resolution adopting Land Acquisition Evaluation Criteria for the Conservancy Workprogram. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Chair suggested returning to item 8.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy rescinded the motion to postpone this item.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Brown, Robinson, Wendler, McKenney, and Lange.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Brown, Ms. Skei, the Executive Director, Mr. Begley, and Mr. Lange.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Wendler, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-76.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-76.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 19. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Huebner v. State of California; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest); Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.***

No closed session was held.

**20. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.**

Mr. Lange congratulated Mr. Putnam on his new position in Santa Clarita.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding Barbara Fine memorialization and possibly meeting again in Glendale.

Comments were made by the Chair.

**26. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Franklin Canyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director regarding Harvey Prince and suggested a commendatory resolution be sent to his wife Francis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m. in memory of Harvey Prince.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE  
Chairperson

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